

Granby Agricultural Survey

What town do you live in?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Granby	96.6%	113
East Granby	1.7%	2
Hartland	0.9%	1
Simsbury	0.9%	1
Other (please specify)		10
<i>answered question</i>		117
<i>skipped question</i>		11

Number	Other (please specify)
1	north granby
2	North Granby
3	Suffield
4	Southwick, MA
5	colchester
6	suffield
7	Bloomfield
8	north granby
9	West Granby
10	West Granby

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What best describes your current role in Granby Agriculture?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Farmer	3.1%	4
Farmer and consumer	10.2%	13
Hobby farmer	4.7%	6
Hobby farmer and consumer	29.9%	38
Consumer	48.8%	62
None of the above	3.1%	4
<i>answered question</i>		127
<i>skipped question</i>		1

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Fruit, vegetables, horticulture goods and services produced at your farm - please check all that apply

Answer Options	Produce for sale	May produce for sale in future	Produce for personal use	Response Count
Fruit	4	0	3	5
Vegetables	3	2	4	6
Hay	4	1	2	6
Forestry	2	0	0	2
Christmas Trees	0	2	0	2
Nursery - Vegetable	1	2	0	3
Nursery - Flowers	2	1	0	3
Other (please specify)				3
<i>answered question</i>				11
<i>skipped question</i>				117

Number	Other (please specify)
1	Beginning to produce fresh herbs
2	Pumpkins and Corn Stalks
3	horse related

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Livestock goods and services produced at your farm - please check all that apply.

Answer Options	Produce for sale	May produce for sale in future	Produce for personal use	Response Count
Meat - Beef	2	4	4	7
Meat - Pork	3	2	5	7
Meat - Goat	2	0	1	3
Meat - Lamb	0	0	0	0
Poultry - Chicken	0	1	1	2
Poultry - Turkey	1	0	1	1
Eggs	3	4	2	7
Poultry - Other	0	0	0	0
Dairy - Cow	2	0	0	2
Dairy - Goat	5	1	1	6
Wool - Sheep	0	0	0	0
Wool - Llama	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)				3
<i>answered question</i>				12
<i>skipped question</i>				116

Number	Other
	horse training and horseback riding
1	lessons, horses for sale
2	Veal Calves for sale feed on goats milk
3	ponies and horses for educational purposes

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Prepared foods / products produced at your farms - please check all that apply.				
Answer Options	Produce for sale	May produce for sale	Produce for personal use	Response Count
Maple Syrup	0	0	0	0
Jams & Jellies	2	0	1	2
Honey	0	0	0	0
Canned Food	1	0	0	1
Dinners	1	0	0	1
Baked Goods	1	1	0	2
Ice Cream	0	1	0	1
Wine	0	0	0	0
Soap	3	1	1	3
Other (please specify)				2
<i>answered question</i>				6
<i>skipped question</i>				122

Number	Other (please specify)
1	sausage
2	Milk and Cheese from both cows and goats

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Horse goods and services produced at your farm - please check all that apply.				
Answer Options	Produce for sale	May produce for sale	Produce for personal use	Response Count
Boarding	4	1	2	5
Leasing	3	0	0	3
Lessons	4	0	0	4
Trail Rides	1	1	0	2
Breeding / Sale	2	0	1	3
Other (please specify)				3
answered question				6
skipped question				122

Number	Other (please specify)
1	Offer seasonal leasing, camp use or lessons for 4H kids on our horses
2	kids education ,ponies ,chickens,garden for a farm experience
3	Horse retirement/rescue for former therapeutice riding horses

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All other goods and services produced at your farm - please check all that apply.

Answer Options	Produce for sale	May produce for sale	Produce for personal use	Response Count
Summer Camps	2	0	0	2
Petting Zoo	0	0	0	0
Pony Rides	1	1	0	2
Corn Maze	2	0	0	2
Other (please specify)				4
answered question				5
skipped question				123

Number	Other (please specify)
1	Specialty gift items - wooden/xmas candle holders, frames, scented sachels and other craft like products
2	Lease 4-H beef projects
3	Wagon rides; Mother's Day Brunch; Father's Day Bar BQ' ; 3 Quilt Happening each year.Holiday events; School trips-educational trips..
4	Connecting humans with gentle horses, working with seniors and school children

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Please describe any other agricultural goods or services produced on your farm.

Answer Options	Response Count
	5
<i>answered question</i>	5
<i>skipped question</i>	123

Number	Response Text
1	Offer springtime rototilling service, summer field mowing and brush hog clearing, post hole
2	We are a working dairy farm and sell our milk wholesale to AgriMark We have just started bottling our milk for retail at our farm
3	Lease animals to 4-H members to teach them about agriculture
4	We also sell a number of goods from other farms in the area at our farm store during CSA distribution (cheese, honey, maple syrup, eggs, etc.)
5	We also produce approximately 100 cord of seasoned, split hardwood that we sell. <input type="checkbox"/> In regards to the Hay above - we produce and sell square bales (approximately 60 lbs each).

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How are your products or services delivered; check all that apply.		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Services delivered on site (corn maze, riding lessons)	62.5%	10
Services delivered off site (pony parties)	18.8%	3
Retail on site	56.3%	9
Wholesale	25.0%	4
Retail off site	18.8%	3
Mail order	6.3%	1
Co op	0.0%	0
Pick your own	6.3%	1
Farmers market	12.5%	2
CSA	6.3%	1
Other (please specify)		1
answered question		16
skipped question		112

Number	Other (please specify)
1	Some of above are still in planning stages

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Fruit, vegetables & horticulture goods and services that you have purchased from a local farm - Please check all that apply

Answer Options	Purchase from Granby farms	Purchase from non-Granby farms	Would purchase from farm if available	Produce for personal use (Hobby farms only)	Response Count
Fruit	91	53	22	13	106
Vegetables	93	54	17	21	106
Hay	16	31	20	6	43
Christmas Trees	12	50	33	1	69
Nursery - Vegetable	26	48	36	4	73
Nursery - Flowers	32	59	44	6	83
Other (please specify)					16
answered question					109
skipped question					19

Number	Other (please specify)
1	Dairy ... goat cheese and milk
2	I purchase annuals and a few perennials from Bill's Greenhouse, but mostly go to other towns to purchase nursery items. I purchase some fruits and vegetables from farms, but mostly from the grocery store. Except corn, we always get that from a farm. I am interested in Holcomb farm co-op and may purchase a 1/2 share this year.
3	fruits and vegetables purchased from grocery stores due to convenience
4	East Granby farm
5	Used to purchase regularly from Hidden Acres on East Street (now closed)
6	We go every week to Mr. Wilhelm's farm stand for corn and veggies and last year started going to the garlic farm as well for veggies - we always thought they jsut sold garlic but we fell in love with their tomatoes last year! We also love the baked goods and apples and cider at Lost Acres Orchard and REALLY missed pick your own at Bushy Hill this year
7	i would purchase compost. I do purchase firewood.
8	Vegetable Plants and some fdlowers
9	Would buy local honey. Very interested in Organic produce of all types.
10	Prefer organic produce.
11	eggs

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Fruit, vegetables & horticulture goods and services that you have purchased from a local farm - Please check all that apply

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| 12 | There should be a local site in Granby where farmers could sell their products at no cost to the farmer and easily accessible to Granby residents |
| 13 | Flowers |
| 14 | Cheese and milk from Granby, Maple Syrup from Granby |
| 15 | I buy plants and flowers from Grocery stores in Granby, but I don't think the plants are grown in Granby. We buy a share of Holcolm Farm CSA, and I am a frequent customer at Bushy Hill Orchard. |
| 16 | maple sugar, pies, baked goods, goat cheese, and I hope to purchase more |

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Livestock goods and services that you have purchased from a local farm - please check all that apply.					
Answer Options	Purchase from Granby farms	Purchase from non-Granby farms	Would purchase if available	Produce for personal use (Hobby farms only)	Response Count
Meat - Beef	3	17	48	0	56
Meat - Pork	8	17	38	1	52
Meat - Goat	0	0	12	0	12
Meat - Lamb	0	3	20	0	22
Poultry - Chicken	9	16	49	2	66
Poultry - Turkey	4	19	36	2	53
Poultry - Other	2	4	19	1	22
Dairy - Cow	19	24	33	0	57
Dairy - Goat	28	11	11	3	40
Wool - Sheep	3	2	14	0	18
Wool - Llama	0	1	9	0	10
Other (please specify)					22
<i>answered question</i>					84
<i>skipped question</i>					44

Number	Other (please specify)
1	I have not purchased any of these items from farms - purchase meat through grocery stores
2	would only purchase wool only if it was yarn
3	items purchased from grocery stores due to convenience
4	we miss seeing the llama fromt eh Day Street farm - they used to be at all town wide events but we have not seen them in awhile...we bought beef at a farm in VT this summer - it was amazing - we would lvoe to buy that in Granby!!!
5	Affordability of meat would be an issue.
6	soap and cheese made w/ goat's milk
7	For meat/dairy products - "would purchase if available" if raised organic; hormone/antibiotic free. Not familiar enough with goat meat products to know if I would buy them.
8	Produce own chicken eggs for personal use

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Livestock goods and services that you have purchased from a local farm - please check all that apply.

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| 9 | Cheese |
| 10 | We used to get milk from Town Farm Dairy, sometimes goat cheese from Holcomb, but we'd rather get skim or 1% rather than whole milk, if possible. |
| 11 | All of the above organic or naturally raised through sustainable agriculture. |
| 12 | relative raises livestock |
| 13 | would like organic or natural, humanely & sustainably raised livestock. |
| 14 | Eggs - Chicken; Produce for personal use. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15 | eggs |
| 16 | As a vegan, I do not purchase any animal products |
| 17 | Eggs from Granby |
| 18 | Eggs from Granby farms |
| 19 | Would purchase if available especially if organic and/or non-growth hormone and/or non-antibiotic |
| 20 | i.e., eggs, goat cheese |
| 21 | I purchase all meat products from grocery stores, but love to buy cheese from the producer direct. |
| 22 | eggs - purchase from Granby farms. |

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Prepared foods / products purchased from a local farm - please check all that apply.

Answer Options	Purchase from Granby farms	Purchase from non-Granby farms	Would purchase if available	Produce for personal use (Hobby farms only)	Response Count
Maple Syrup	58	48	17	0	93
Jams & Jellies	48	34	18	11	79
Honey	45	34	25	1	81
Canned Food	16	12	15	3	38
Dinners	19	2	16	1	36
Baked Goods	55	37	15	3	78
Ice Cream	21	62	33	1	84
Wine	2	20	53	1	63
Soap	47	12	14	1	57
Other (please specify)					5
answered question					108
skipped question					20

Number	Other (please specify)
1	Most of the time I would most likely pick up items at the grocery store instead of going to individual farms, except for icecream. For icecream, we often go to a local farm shop. If I were planning to buy a gallon or more of icecream, I would go to the grocery store.
2	item purchased from grocery stores due to convenience - local produce purchased from Lost Acres orchard
3	We love the variety and freshness of Lost Acres Orchard and get many things there on a regular basis - we love the email
4	I would like to be able to sell my own home made products locally
5	goat cheese and milk - purchase from local farm and produce from hobby farm

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Answer Options	Purchase from Granby farms	Purchase from non-Granby farms	Would purchase if available	Produce for personal use (Hobby farms)	Response Count
Boarding	3	4	2	8	14
Leasing	0	0	1	1	2
Lessons	10	11	2	0	21
Trail Rides	2	2	3	4	10
Breeding / Sale	3	2	1	1	6
Other (please specify)					16
answered question					32
skipped question					96

Number	Other (please specify)
1	horseshoeing= Granby
2	Would consider contracting with a teamster for draft horse services, if available.
3	We don't have horses
4	Seeking equestrian facility to lease.
5	you should add sleigh and wagon rides to your list
6	do not have horses
7	we do not use horses but love that there are so many in Granby - live and painted ones both!!! :)
8	We own a horse farm so we do everything in-house.
9	we are retired from horse ownership but did partake of all of the above except boarding and leasing.
10	We are retired from the horse world but partook of all of the above except boarding and leasing
11	We no longer have horses. We partook of the services listed except boarding.
12	Although we no longer have horses, we participated in all of above except boarding and leasing.
13	not in the market for any. have my own facility.
14	Although we no longer have horses, we purchased all of the above except boarding & leasing.
15	Networking property owners to gain access to trails without having to first ride on a road to get to them.
16	Would support a local horse trail riding and preservation club if available. I belonged to one in Canada that administered access and maintenance of public trails and liaised with land-owners for access to trails on private land. Members paid an annual fee. I own my horse and board in Granby at Valkyrie.

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All other goods and services that you purchased from a local farm - please check all that apply.

Answer Options	Purchase from Granby	Purchase from non-	Would purchase if	Produce for	Response Count
Summer Camps	15	7	4	0	22
Petting Zoo	3	16	11	0	24
Pony Rides	4	4	8	0	12
Corn Maze	41	5	6	0	44
Other (please specify)					4
answered question					57
skipped question					71

Number	Other (please specify)
1	My kids are in their teens and enjoy the local corn maze.
2	We are HUGE fans of Hayes corn maze and do it several times a season.... we wish that there was a GRANBY SCOOP - much like the Granville scoop - we love going there and it is always loaded with Granby families so we wish Granby had its own scoop with homemade ice cream and animals
3	We offer summer camps here, so I wouldn't buy them somewhere else....
4	As a family we participate in the Granby 4-H club. In order for us and others to do this Granby needs farmers in large and small scale, to teach these important skills for future generations. There are too many valuable lessons to be learned to lose these assets.

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Would you be interested in participating in any of these programs being considered by the Agricultural Commission; check all that apply

Answer Options	Farmer	Consumer	Response Count
Open Farm Day (Similar to Granby Artists	13	59	70
Listing on Town of Granby website	11	28	39
Listing on Granby Agricultural website	13	19	32
Listing on CT Grown / Buy CT Grown	10	25	34
Granby Farm Map	12	55	67
Granby Farm "Passport"	9	35	43
Farmers Market	9	70	75
Co op	6	43	46
Matching of farmers with available farm	8	8	15
Other (please specify)			10
answered question			91
skipped question			37

Number Other (please specify)

1	Maybe some variation on the painted horses or granbee fund generating ideas that could support local farm projects, scholarships, farm/barn preservation and development, etc.
2	Need more info on the Passport program and the coop idea. If you're talking about a purchasing coop, I would possibly be interested in group organic feed purchasing. I'm already part of a statewide purchasing group for horticultural supplies and organic fertilizer. Our farm is one of the bulk delivery points. We would welcome additional members, including gardeners. The commission could help publicize it. I probably would not be interested in any kind of wholesale produce marketing coop. If the idea is a consumers coop, that is attractive to me as a consumer and possibly as a local supplier, but that sounds like an ambitious undertaking.
3	A Farm Map would be really great, and it could list their products and services and contact info, but it would have to maintained and kept current. I also like the idea of a farmer's market in town, especially if it had organic produce.
4	Very interested in farmers mkt
5	I used to work for Lois Longley at the Farmers market when it was at the middle school and behind Gary Kevorkian's office - I miss having a farmers market and went to the one in Simsbury every week at Simsmore square and saw my Granby neighbors there -- itme for one in town please!!! We love open days at Holcomb Farm and do many programs there - one year we got a CSA share but since then there has been a waiting list and the price is too high for us right now - we end up spending more at farmers markets but it is spread out and easier to "swallow".....I wish there was a CSA sort of program in town that was less expensive or would allow all families to join that wanted - the CSA at Holcomb Farm sells out each year really early

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Would you be interested in participating in any of these programs being considered by the Agricultural Commission; check all that apply

6	Use Grange Building for Farm oriented ACTIVITIES
7	I am coordinator for Granby Coop. We are very interested in purchasing items locally and would appreciate any information about existing or new items offered in town.
8	Why doesn't the school system use Granby produce/products in lunch program? Or at least have a program that integrates our role as a farming community with their science education?
9	What is the "passport" program?
10	I would be thrilled if a Farmers Market came back to Granby. I always bought produce many years ago when there was a Farmers Market in the church parking lot. The hours must reflect the working family. Not at 2:00 on a Thurs afternoon!

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What role would you like to the Granby Agricultural Committee play in Granby's	
Answer Options	Response Count
	58
<i>answered question</i>	58
<i>skipped question</i>	70

Number	Response Text
1	Support Granby farming efforts, help make available land better utilized or sustained. <input type="checkbox"/>
2	Steward
3	Leadership towards a Granby vision of how agriculture, forestry, and open space contributes to the local economy & culture
4	I am not the one to ask.
5	Help support the farms in any way possible, Create Farmer's Market in Granby, Tax relief
6	Encouragement and development of a variety of agricultural uses of the land.
7	Photographer for publicity
8	For me the most important role of the commission is dealing with town owned farmland - <input type="checkbox"/>
9	The more farm space the better and the more we can buy local we will support it
10	I would support a winery if available in Granby.
11	get state money to help preserve farms & buy development rights
12	I don't know what the committee does.
13	Maybe you've already done it, but if not identify arable land still available, rate it for suitability for different crops, help landowner test soils (including for pollutants/contamination), work with town to get some tax incentive to get land into production, encourage organic methods or sensible use of limited pesticides/fertilizers. I'm not suggesting that the committee actually do all these things, but get system in motion to identify who can do them. As to tax incentives, these need not be for large commercial undertakings, but rather could foster the "victory garden" approach which will get more local production. See if we can get an aggressive program in place to eradicate or reduce invasive species- so much land is now choked with nasty stuff. Is neighborhood open space in developments able to be used as gardens? if not, help Town come up with something that encourages that. Gee, I heard on the news that some cities are encouraging raising chickens (no roosters) with a max of 5 per household- I'd have to hear all the pros/cons, but maybe that's a good idea.
14	Identify Granby's agricultural lands, farms, pastures; map, market and support agricultural based businesses and programs.
15	To promote and insure the stability and growth of Granby's agricultural future.
16	It should be helping the town's agriculture make a comeback
17	foster and promote Granby agriculture; to save as much as possible Granby's farm land

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18	Assist farmers in identifying products that would assist them in making a living.
19	Would like to see and read more about what is available in Granby. Maybe the commission can put together a list on farms, stands, events etc and have printed in the local paper. Maybe an update on whats in season. Getting more people aware that of what we have available - locally in stead of the grocery stores.
20	Provide local foods for Granby schools lunch program. <input type="checkbox"/>
21	Examples I checked above - farm day promotions, Granby farms maps, and farmers markets - would all benefit farmers and the consumers in the community
22	PLease keep writing for the Drummer - it is fun to follow the articles and know about the farms - we loved reading that milk will be available at Hayes now! We really hope to have a hometown farmers market this year and think Geisslers or Village Health parking lot should be big enough for a mid week farmers market int he evening - maybe at the park with concerts too?
23	Help maximize the use of available farm land in Granby; institute good farming practices for leased farm land; encourage the production of fruit, vegetables and meat and poultry for local consumption; help publicize existing agricultural entities and pursuits in Granby; help preserve open space, especially valuable agricultural open space.
24	To facilitate the matching of farmers and consumers, and help market the great farms we have in Granby.
25	Granby is in a unique position to highlight its agricultural base as we still have a few farms left which haven't been built up into subdivisions. Perhaps having a way to help farmers market their products better would help residents appreciate locally produced foods and items. Where do they think they're going to get their food if there is a supply problem and Stop & Shop's trucks can't deliver?
26	To aid in securing as much open space as possible; to foster increased agricultural enterprise within the town; to establish links with similar commissions on other towns and regions; to provide support to those seeking to start agricultural activities; to have input on town zoning guidelines, such as restricting rampant or haphazard development.
27	This is a great way to gather information. Reach out to other local community agriculture organizations to strengthen ability to educate public.
28	A support function to help organize information, such as a website with Granby farm maps, directions, and products available.
29	Help educate residents that residential growth does NOT reduced property taxes, instead, saving farms, saves money.
30	To stress the wide range of farms and consumer goods that is the origin of Granby as a small <input type="checkbox"/> country town .
31	Not sure. I do think that the committee should work the Connecticut Farm Bureau and also Hartford County Farm Bureau. I am sure that CFBA and HCFB can offer support to the committee.
32	Organization of events, maps, tours
33	Have you thought about having a group web site with updates on product availability, etc?
34	OPEN GRANGE HALL FOR WEEKLY AGRICULTURE & farm COFFEE MEETINGS AND/OR PERODUCE TRANSFER.

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35	To protect farm land, the Committee and Town should play a roll in protecting farm land from development. This means being proactive, ahead of the developers when farm land may become available. There is a large parcel on East St. & fifteen acres on Silver St. that can be saved if we have an active interested group.
36	Promote agriculture and prohibit further building/development in Granby outside a small "town center" belt.
37	Facilitate the integration of ag ed in schools. <input type="checkbox"/>
38	Protect farm land from development. A large parcel on East St. should be under serious consideration to save. Fifteen acres on Silver St. with considerable wet lands, have been approved for developement but have not sold. Abutting Land Trust protected land, the developer may be interested to cut his losses and make an arrangement to sell now.
39	Promote sustainable natural and organic farming as opposed to production with chemical fertilizers and separating animal young from their mothers for output control. Also help farmers find opportunities and write grant applications.
40	Promotion- a bulletin board at the Public Library is a great way for many people to see the available choices. The art council does one every fall and it generate a lot of interest.
41	Granby's agriculture is extremely important for the character of the town. The committee should stay active and advertise local produce/products as much as possible. I think community members would like to purchase fresh, quality goods from local farmers rather than at the big chain grocery stores. A farmer's market is a fantastic idea and I would shop there for all my produce during the harvesting season.
42	I would like to see more information about the farms and what they have to offer available on some kind of a regular basis, like a regular listing in the paper (Drummer) or maybe a web site of what is available/ripe - what we are picking now etc. Also a list of all farms, locations and what they have to offer on a regular basis. I think alot of people forget what we have here in Town and this would help. I would like to the Committee initiating events or coordinate with the farmers maybe a Farm Day or open house / tours for the various farms etc.
43	Maintain open space for agricultural growth to continue. Buy up property as it becomes available for agricultural use vs. development.
44	To foster and support the growh of local farms and products and to make them more accessible to people
45	continue advocacy role for farmers and promoting farms and farms. Keep Granby farm friendly.
46	To promote the use of local agriculture by residents.
47	Expand the availability of food products from local sources, especially those that are organic and healthy. We need to convince people of the advantages of buying locally and then provide the local option.
48	Promotion and education to the public of value of farms and it's products
49	I would like to see a local farmer's market.
50	Take an active role in preserving the little remaining farmland that Granby has. Support any tax relief or supplements for farmers.
51	I see the role as that of a knowledgeable watchdog group--keeping up on laws, zoning and land permits to keep Granby agriculture viable; speaking as a knowledgeable voice as questions arise.

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52	assisting farmers
53	Help get the word out regarding farms in Granby, educate people on sustainable farming and the role farms play in our ecosystem
54	Preserving agricultural land and preventing development on prime agricultural land; tax breaks on agriculturally zoned land; Liaising with State and Fed governments to ensure Granby Farms are benefiting from any programs available to farmers. Encouraging local grocers to carry Granby products.
55	Promote Granby produce and other farm products. Promote organic when available. <input type="checkbox"/>
56	Increase awareness of what is available - I currently belong to the Holcomb CSA, and am glad to have discovered the Garlic Farm and SweetPea goat cheese. Perhaps a well advertised wweekend farmers market event would help others to also learn of these gems
57	Supporting and preserving the local farms we have as well as helping to continue to develop local agriculture. I am also firmly in the organic/selective treatment camp and hope this type of farming will be encouraged
58	Institute a property tax on all farmland, then create a tax deferral program that would stay in effect as long as the property remains a farm. If the property is converted to a non-farm use, then the deferred taxes would come due.

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Do you have any concerns about agriculture in Granby?

Answer Options	Response Count
	60
<i>answered question</i>	60
<i>skipped question</i>	68

Number	Response Text
1	Continued housing growth. Tax rates and land prices that sometimes lead farm owners, retirees, and local ag business enterprises to find sale for development the only apparent way forward. ?Lack of effective management, maintenance or resources for town or park properties. Tax rates that are never adjusted downward to correlate with sinking fair market values.□ How to afford taxes or restoration on barns (verses tear them down). Especially those that are historic landmarks, but dated and difficult to make profitable as is.
2	preservation
3	Yes - that it is disappearing. Agriculture is not well understood by some residents of Granby.
4	That itwillo disappear as thepopulation grows.
5	I hope it can continue and not be pushed out by Developer's or the cost of sustaining the Farm.
6	That it increase
7	The Town and the Land Trust should be more active in preserving farmland in perpetuity. Local consumers and decision makers (and not just local ones) should be more aware of the importance of local agricultural for food security, food quality, and cultural enrichment - not just suburban scenic backdrop. Local farmers everywhere benefit when we can connect local community members with our operations as much as possible and when we broadcast positive educational messages about the importance of taking care of our food supply and our productive lands.
8	only pesticides and pollution but I don't think that is an issue though I am not very well educated
9	losing farmland to housing
10	I'm concerned that the farm land will eventually be gone.
11	Not much left! Help work with HOIcomb and other town properties to encourage hay production on lands, or silage crops, to help keep livestock going locally.
12	That we will lose more farms and agricultural businesses if we don't move to support them.
13	I really enjoy the fresh vegetables from Wilhelm Farm - I hope the farmers in Granby are able to continue providing the fresh produce that they have been in the past.
14	With new development, more issues with neighbors who do not like the sounds and smells of livestock is a concern. We raise chickens, which means a rooster or two, which means noise!

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Do you have any concerns about agriculture in Granby?

15	That we're losing too much agricultural land to housing
16	There are so few farms in Granby, I am concerned that there are too few to have a viable farmer's market, which I think would be one of the most beneficial things to help Granby's farmers.
17	farm land being sold to developers; future use of farm land to grow products, passive recreation
18	I like the direction we are going, preserving more land and encouraging local produce. Being able to purchase many more items than just vegetables is wonderful. Would like to see more focus getting information out there and was of encouraging new farmers to the area.
19	No. It helps the Town and should continue to be encouraged.
20	Yes - want to see more local grown produce overall
21	just worried that our taxes will make it too hard for farmers to keep farming - we think taxes should be greatly reduced for farmers to encourage famrrers to stick with it and know that their community greatly values them- the reduction on land under public act 490 is not enough reduction for the value a famer adds to our community
22	No.
23	As a working farm the Town of Granby has been very supportive of us. We really appreciate it!
24	Too many Yuppies complain about slow moving agricultural vehicles, the smell of manure on the fields, and horse manure on the street. Residents need to understand that without farms, there is no food. Also, horse owners have just as much right to be on a public street as anyone else. If I have to put up with them driving 60 mph past my house leaning on their horn and spewing pollution into the air with their cars, they ought to be able to deal with a little horse manure on the side of the road. Anyone with any brains at all is smart enough to scoop it up and spread it on their lawn as free fertilizer. Obviously we have many intellectually challenged individuals residing here. If Granby presented itself better as a farming community, maybe the people who want to turn it into West Hartford wouldn't move here.
25	I think agriculture embodies the spirit and traditions of the town. I don't believe that small town life and rural culture are necessarily anachronistic. I also believe "local food" may be a viable way of rebuilding agriculture in this region in terms of small or family farming and legitimate employment opportunities in agriculture. At least I hope so.
26	Need to provide avenue for public to easily access Local Granby products. I believe the desire to purchase local exists, however it must be very easily reached by the consumer in order for the public to modify purchasing habits. Obviously this starts.. as you have done with the Granby Drummer article .. with educating the public. Keep up the good work
27	I worry that it will become too expensive to continue farming, whether large or small scale. It is vital to sustain the tradition of Granby as a farming town, providing fresh local food and other products, as well as teaching future generations to love the land and animals and to take care of the environment.
28	I want agriculture to be successful in Granby, so that the farms we have continue to operate.
29	I worry that it gets too expensive for farmers to live in Granby.
30	No, I'm very happy that we still have farms and open space in Granby. It's worth every tax dollar☐

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31	Yes that it may leave. Also that the government will change things such as the tax exemption and some farmers may have no choice but to stop.
32	FARMERS ARE NOT INVOLVED IN THE GRANGE WHICH HAS LONG SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE ON A STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL.
33	Yes, actions to keep farm land in Granby seem to be passive. There should be the same vigorous activity as we see in other towns or we will lose high quality farm land to housing. How can we interest young active adults to seriously work for saving Granby farm land??????
34	Holcomb Farm needs to have all development rights surrendered - similar to farms in Simsbury.
35	YES! I am greatly concerned about the disappearance of small farms and growing dependence on processed food and retail markets. Kids need to learn to garden and farm and understand the importance of nutrition in whole natural foods.
36	Yes, action to keep farm land in Granby seems to be passive. There could be the <input type="checkbox"/>
37	i'd like to see local stores sell much more locally produced food besides the roadside stands.
38	I am delighted to have more choices in town to purchase local items. I will support any local farm that is clean and well run.
39	I want Granby's agricultural heritage to be a focal point of the community, and see that it is maintained and continues to grow and be successful.
40	My biggest concern is that the farmers are not going to 'make it' or be able to live on what they make and we would lose this valuable resource. I love the fact that I can literally go down the street and buy cheese and vegetables and flowers and fruit. I also love the fact that I can see pastures and farms and animals and lots of woods wherever I go in town. It would be terrible to lose any of that!
41	I think the overall picture is a good one. I just don't want to see the current ag properties turned into housing developments (i.e. Harold Law's apple orchard property)
42	Too small to compete; potential for loss of working farms, even if the land isn't developed for other use.
43	after checking all these boxes, i realized that i buy a lot of products from Simsbury, East Granby and East Hartland. I am not sure which products i get in Granby, and which are from the neighboring towns.
44	Not enough local people consume these products
45	loss of farm land due to high taxes - especially land that has been in families for generations.
46	I am concerned about the loss of farm land to development.
47	I'm afraid it's becoming a thing of the past due to outside influences and the lack local markets.
48	It's inability to survive in today's economic climate- local people need to do what ever possible to help our local farmers survive.
49	I would hope that working farms (not gentlemen, horse or hobby farms) get a substantial break on Granby property taxes if part of their income depends on selling what they produce.
50	Yes, I know it is becoming increasingly difficult for farmers to make a living and I'm concerned that local farms will not be able to stay in business. I think a farmers market (possibly bi-weekly if Granby can't sustain a weekly one) would allow smaller farms to sell goods more easily with smaller advertising costs. I'd love to be able to go one place to get things from different vendors.
51	Yes - that pretty soon we won't have even one dairy farm in our community. Granby would never, ever be the same if that were to happen.

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Do you have any concerns about agriculture in Granby?

52	That it not be lost to development. That it become part of the "farm tourism" movement as a way of sustaining its economic life.
53	i like to see more of organic produce . i like an indication of that (organic or conventional origin)
54	People don't understand the importance of agriculture
55	Perhaps not a real "Farm" concern, but we are always concerned with losing access to horseback riding trails.
56	Yes- the disappearance of agriculture in Granby due to all the farmland continually being sold to developers that turn thousands of acres of beautiful farmland into paved-over, McMansion neighborhoods that suffocate the land, use up all the natural resources, are oil-dependent, and add to the disappearance of life as it once was.... it is so sad!
57	more organic agriculture, please!
58	i do not want to see any more decline in farmland from Granby
59	I worry that too much local land is being developed.
60	Conversion of farmland to non-farm use, e.g. housing development.